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In accordance with our proposal 01.P0000177.11 dated March 28, 2011, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Contract No. EP10W001313, Order No. EP-B115-00049, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA) has completed our inspection of the Nelson Dewey Generating Station Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundments located in Cassville, Wisconsin. The site visit was conducted on June 7, 2011. The purpose of our efforts was to provide the EPA with a site specific assessment of the impoundments to assist EPA in assessing the structural stability of the impoundments under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 104(e). We are submitting one electronic and one CD-ROM copy of this FINAL Report directly to the EPA.

Based on our visual inspection, and in accordance with the EPA's criteria, the Slag Pond and WPDES Pond are currently in **SATISFACTORY** condition in our opinion. Further discussion of our evaluation and recommended actions are presented in the Task 3 Dam Assessment Report. The report includes: (a) a completed Coal Combustion Dam Inspection Checklist Form for each Basin; (b) a field sketch; and (c) selected photographs with captions. Our services and report are subject to the Limitations found in **Appendix A** and the Terms and Conditions of our contract agreement.

We are happy to have been able to assist you with this inspection and appreciate the opportunity to continue to provide you with dam engineering consulting services. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or comments regarding the content of this Task 3 Dam Assessment Report.

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PREFACE



The assessment of the general condition of the dams/impoundment structures reported herein was based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigations and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing and detailed computational evaluations were beyond the scope of this report.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dams and/or impoundment structures was based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection, along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where an impoundment is lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions, which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is critical to note that the condition of the dam and/or impoundment structures depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the reported condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



This Assessment Report presents the results of a visual assessment of the Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) - Nelson Dewey Generating Station (NDGS) Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundments located at 11999 County Road VV, Cassville, Wisconsin. These assessments were performed on June 7, 2011 by representatives of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc (GZA), accompanied by representatives of Alliant.

The NDGS power plant has two coal-fired units with a maximum generating capacity of approximately 200 Megawatts. Commercial operation of the facility began in the late 1950s and a CCW Impoundment that included what is now the Slag Pond was commissioned at that time. The Slag Pond was modified in 1976 and 1996. Subsequently, the WPDES Pond was commissioned in 1976 and modified in 1999. The impoundments were constructed for the purpose of settling CCW from the process streams of the NDGS facility and clarification of water prior to discharge.

The Slag Pond primarily receives fly/economizer ash and slag. However the impoundment also receives slag transport water, non-chemical boiler water wash, air heater wash (fly ash), steam grade water production wastewaters, storm water runoff from the plant grounds, coal pile runoff, plant floor drains, and boiler blowdown (steam/water). The WPDES Pond receives fly/economizer ash from non-chemical equipment wash activities, slag from washing of boilers, boiler water wash, air heater wash (fly ash), storm water runoff from Site, and coal pile runoff. During our assessment, GZA observed the general condition of the Old Fly Ash Pond, which is licensed as a closed landfill, and subsequently completed the EPA checklist. However, based on discussions with the EPA, analysis of the Old Fly Ash Pond was judged not to fall within our scope of work as the unit no longer can impound water and does not meet the criteria set forth by the U.S. EPA for further evaluation.

For the purposes of this EPA-mandated assessment, the size of the impoundments was based on U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) criteria. Based on the maximum embankment height of 10 feet and a storage volume of approximately 20 acre-feet, The Slag Pond is classified as a **Small**-sized structure. Based on the maximum embankment height of 10 feet and a storage volume of approximately 26 acre-feet, the WPDES Pond is classified as a **Small**-sized structure. According to guidelines established by the COE, dams with a storage volume less than 1,000 acre-feet and/or a height less than 40 feet are classified as Small-sized structures.

Under the EPA classification system, as presented on page 2 of the EPA check list (**Appendix C**) and Definitions section (**Appendix B**), it is GZA's opinion that the Slag Pond and the WPDES Pond would be considered as having a **Low** hazard potential. The hazard potential rating is based on no probable loss of human life due to failure and the low potential for environmental impacts outside of Utility-owned property.

Assessments

In general, the overall condition of the Slag Pond was judged to be **SATISFACTORY** and was found to have the following deficiencies:

- 1. Animal burrows along the crest;
- 2. Shrubs growing on the upstream slope;

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- 3. Incomplete stability analysis;
- 4. Minor erosion on the downstream slope; and,
- 5. Wave action erosion of the upstream slope.

Additional analysis was completed and provided to GZA after issuance of the DRAFT report that satisfies our recommendation. No further analysis is recommended at this time.



In general, the overall condition of the WPDES Pond was judged to be **SATISFACTORY** and was found to have the following deficiencies:

- 1. Infrequent mowing of the embankments allowing shrub growth; and,
- 2. Incomplete stability analysis.

Additional analysis was completed and provided to GZA after issuance of the DRAFT report that satisfies our recommendation. No further analysis is recommended at this time.

The following sections describe the recommended approach to address current deficiencies. Prior to undertaking recommended maintenance, repairs, or remedial measures, the applicability of permits needs to be determined for activities that may occur within the jurisdiction of the appropriate regulatory agencies.

GZA recommends the following studies and analyses:

1. Expand the stability analysis of the impoundment embankments to include water surface and seepage conditions that represent the 100 year, 24-hour storm event. The analysis should include justification of the soil parameters used through in-situ or laboratory testing and also account for the presence of the clay at the base of the embankment.

Additional analysis was completed and provided to GZA after issuance of the DRAFT report that satisfies our recommendation. No further analysis is recommended at this time.

Recurrent Operation & Maintenance Recommendations

GZA recommends the following operation and maintenance level activities:

- 1. Repair sloughing on the downstream slope of the Slag Pond;
- 2. Protect the northwestern embankment of the Slag Pond from wave action erosion;
- 3. Control burrowing animals on and near embankment; and,
- 4. Fill animal burrows.

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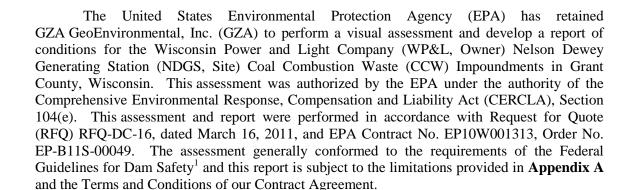
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1.0 **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

1.1 General

1.1.1 Authority



1.1.2 Purpose of Work

The purpose of this investigation was to visually inspect and evaluate the condition of the impoundments and appurtenant structures (the management unit) to attempt to identify conditions that may adversely affect their structural stability and functionality, to note the extent of any deterioration that may be observed, review the status of maintenance and needed repairs and to evaluate the conformity with current design and construction standards of care.

The investigation was divided into five parts: 1) obtain and review available reports, investigations and data from the Owner pertaining to the impoundment and appurtenant structures; 2) perform a review with the Owner of available design, inspection and maintenance data and procedures for the management unit; 3) perform a visual assessment of the Site; 4) prepare and submit a field assessment checklist; and 5) prepare and submit a draft report presenting the evaluation of the structure, including recommendations and proposed remedial actions.

1.1.3 **Definitions**

To provide the reader with a better understanding of the report, definitions of commonly used terms associated with dams are provided in Appendix B. Many of these terms may be included in this report. The terms are presented under common categories associated with dams, which include: 1) orientation; 2) dam components; 3) size classification; 4) hazard classification; 5) general; and 6) condition rating.

1.2 Description of Project

1.2.1 Location

The NDGS is located approximately one mile northwest of the City of Cassville in Grant County, Wisconsin. The entrance to the Site is on County Highway VV and the CCW

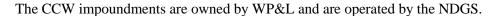
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impoundments are located about ¼-mile north and northwest of the power plant at approximately latitude 42° 43′ 32″ North and longitude 91° 00′ 39″ West. A Site locus of the impoundments and surrounding area is shown on **Figure 1**. An aerial photograph of the impoundments and surrounding area is provided as **Figure 2**. The impoundments can be accessed by vehicles from earthen access roads from the power plant.

1.2.2 Owner/Caretaker



	Dam Owner/Caretaker	
Name	/Wisconsin Power and Light Company, Nelson Dewey Generating Station	
Mailing Address	11999 County Road VV	
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Daytime Phone	608-725-2232	
Emergency Phone	608-751-4486	

1.2.3 Purpose of the Impoundments

The NDGS power plant has two coal-fired units with a maximum generating capacity of approximately 200 Megawatts. Commercial operation of the facility began in the late 1950s and a CCW Impoundment that included what is now the Slag Pond was commissioned at that time. The Slag Pond was modified in 1976 and 1996. Subsequently, the WPDES Pond was commissioned in 1976 and modified in 1999. The impoundments were constructed for the purpose of settling CCW from the process streams of the NDGS facility and clarification of water prior to discharge.

The Slag Pond primarily receives fly/economizer ash from non-chemical equipment wash activities and slag. However the impoundment also receives slag transport water, non-chemical boiler water wash, air heater wash (fly ash), steam grade water production wastewaters, storm water runoff from the plant grounds, coal pile runoff, plant floor drains, and boiler blowdown (steam/water). The WPDES Pond receives fly/economizer ash from non-chemical equipment wash activities, slag from non-chemical washing of boilers, boiler water wash, air heater wash (fly ash), storm water runoff from Site, and coal pile runoff.

During our assessment, GZA observed the general condition of the Old Fly Ash Pond, which is licensed as a closed landfill, and subsequently completed the EPA checklist. However, after further discussion with the EPA, analysis of this structure does not fall within our scope of work as the unit does not meet the criteria set forth by the U.S. EPA for a coal ash impoundment as it no longer does or can impound water. The structure is not further analyzed in this report.

1.2.4 Description of the Slag Pond and Appurtenances

The Slag Pond is contained within an area that previously was a larger impoundment designed by Sargent & Lundy and modified by Warzyn Engineering and Service Company, Inc. (Warzyn). The following description of the impoundment is based on information provided in the Warzyn design drawings, a hydraulic/hydrologic and stability analysis conducted by Aether dbs (Aether Analysis), information received from WP&L and observations made by GZA during our Site visit.

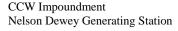
The Slag Pond is located northwest of the NDGS and serves as a settling pond for CCW generated by the NDGS. The original impoundment that included the Slag Pond was commissioned in 1959 and appears to have been designed by Sargent & Lundy when the power plant was designed.² An area of the 1959 impoundment that includes the Slag Pond was redesigned in 1976 by Warzyn to include the addition of several embankments as shown on **Figure 3**. The impoundment was further modified in 1996 and has been in the current configuration since that time.

Water and CCW discharge into the Slag Pond through a series of discharge pipes which are located along the southwestern and southeastern portions of the impoundment as shown on **Figure 4**. There are four (4) 12-inch diameter steel pipes and one (1) 8-inch diameter HDPE pipe that discharge into the Slag Pond. Water and unsettled solids are discharged from the Slag Pond into the Mississippi River through a rectangular weir outlet structure which is near the western corner of pond. This discharge is regulated as Outfall 002 under WPDES Permit Number WI-0002381-06-0. Plans and details of the outfall structure are provided as **Figure 5**.

The northern slope of the Slag Pond abuts the closed landfill and is incised relative to the closed landfill. The southern slope of the current Slag Pond is located greater than 100 feet from the perimeter embankment of the 1976 impoundment. The eastern embankment and western embankment of the current Slag Pond appear to be defined by the perimeter embankments of the 1976 impoundment. However, the eastern portion of the Slag Pond is incised relative to the nearby topography. The Slag Pond embankment has a height (from the lowest downstream toe elevation to the crest of the impoundment) of approximately 10 feet and a crest elevation of approximately 625.0 feet. The embankments of the 1976 impoundment were constructed with 2.5-foot horizontal to one-foot vertical (2.5H:1V) upstream slopes and 3H:1V downstream slopes. The embankments were constructed with an ash core and 5 feet of silty sand was placed on the crest and the downstream slope. Since 1976, gravel has been placed on the crest to facilitate an access road along the western, southern, eastern crest of the impoundment. A typical cross section of the 1976 embankments is shown on **Figure 3**.

Instrumentation near the impoundment includes a staff gauge and six monitoring wells (B-7R, B-11, B-11A, B-11B, B-31A, and B-31B) which are located along the southern portions of the impoundment, as shown on **Figure 4**.

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² GZA found references mentioning the design of the impoundments by Sargent & Lundy in the 1950's during review of the files maintained by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. However, no specific information was available regarding the design details.

1.2.5 Description of the WPDES Pond Impoundment and Appurtenances

The WPDES Pond was designed by Warzyn and modified in 1999. The following description of the impoundment is based on information provided in the Warzyn design drawings, information received from WP&L and observations made by GZA during our Site visit.



The WPDES Pond is located north of the NDGS. The impoundment was commissioned in 1976, and serves as a settling pond for CCW generated by the NDGS. The interior embankments of the impoundment were reconfigured and the impoundment was resized in 1999. Discharges from the facility enter the impoundment through a CMP culvert near the southeastern corner of the impoundment. The impoundment only receives water and CCW from the facility during boiler maintenance activities; typically 3 to 4 times a year. Stormwater and coal pile runoff enter the WPDES Pond along the southwestern portion of the impoundment. Water in the WPDES Pond is typically recycled and used for dust control on the coal pile. As necessary, water is pumped from the WPDES Pond to the Slag Pond via the pump house which is located near the northwestern portion of the impoundment. This discharge is regulated as Outfall 002 under WPDES Permit Number WI-0002381-06-0. The location of the WPDES Pond discharge pipes and pump house are shown on **Figure 6**.

The WPDES Pond is incised into the coal pile storage area to the south and the closed landfill to the west. The eastern and northern portions consist of an earthen embankment with a general height (from the lowest downstream toe elevation to the crest of impoundment) of approximately 10 feet. The impoundment has a crest length of approximately 2,500 feet and a crest elevation of approximately 620.0 feet MSL. Based on the Aether stability analysis, the embankment soils consist of silt or sand that bear on a thin layer of organic clay which is underlain by sand. There was no evidence that the impoundment embankments were built over wet ash or slag. The embankments were constructed with a 2.5H:1V downstream slope and gravel was placed on the crest to facilitate an access road along the western, northern, and eastern embankments of the impoundment.

Instrumentation near the impoundment includes two staff gauges (SG-10, SG-11) and one monitoring well (B-28) which are located near the southeastern embankment of the impoundment as shown on **Figure 6**.

1.2.6 Operations and Maintenance

The NDGS and the impoundments are maintained by WP&L personnel. Maintenance of the NDGS facility, including the impoundments, is regulated by the EPA under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. WI-0002381-06-0. NDGS personnel perform visual assessments of the impoundments on a quarterly basis and the assessment results from September 16, 2011 were provided to GZA.

1.2.7 Size Classification

For the purposes of this EPA-mandated assessment, the size of the impoundments was based on U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) criteria. Based on the maximum embankment height of 10 feet and a storage volume of approximately 20 acre-feet, The Slag Pond is classified as a **Small**-sized structure. Based on the maximum embankment height of 10 feet and a storage volume of approximately 26 acre-feet, the WPDES Pond is classified as a **Small**-sized structure. According to guidelines established by the COE, dams with a storage volume less than 1,000 acre-feet and/or a height less than 40 feet are classified as Small-sized structures.

1.2.8 Hazard Potential Classification

Under the EPA classification system, as presented on page 2 of the EPA check list (**Appendix C**) and Definitions section (**Appendix B**), it is GZA's opinion that the Slag Pond and the WPDES Pond would be considered as having a <u>Low</u> hazard potential. The hazard potential rating is based on no probable loss of human life due to failure and the low potential for environmental impacts outside of Utility-owned property.

1.3 Pertinent Engineering Data

1.3.1 Drainage Area

Based on information provided in the Aether Analysis, approximately 21 acres and 30 acres drain into the WPDES Pond and the Slag Pond, respectively.

1.3.2 Reservoir

Based on information provided by WP&L, the Slag Pond and the WPDES Pond have surface areas of 4.35 and 4.65 acres at the normal operating levels, respectively. The pool areas observed on GZA's June 7, 2011 Site visit were generally consistent with those reported by WP&L. The storage volumes of the Slag Pond and the WPDES Pond are approximately 20, and 26 acre-feet, respectively.

1.3.3 Discharges at the Impoundment Sites

As discussed previously, the WPDES Pond does not discharge water during most operating conditions and water is typically recycled for dust control or is removed from the impoundment through infiltration or evaporation. When water levels rise above the operating levels, water is pumped to the Slag Pond via the pump house which is located near the northwestern corner of the impoundment. Slag and CCW are discharged into the Slag Pond from the facility and water is discharged into the Mississippi River. Approximately 2.3 million gallons per day (MGD) of water discharges into the Mississippi River based on the Aether Analysis.

1.3.4 General Elevations

Elevations were taken from design drawings, the Aether Analysis and data provided by WP&L. Unless otherwise noted, elevations were based on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map MSL vertical datum.

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Slag Pond

A. Top of Embankment (Minimum) \pm 625.0 feet B. Upstream Water at Time of Assessment \pm 616.6 feet

C. Downstream Water at Time of Assessment ± Not Applicable³
D. Maximum Pond Water Elevation ± 617.8 feet⁴

WPDES Pond

A. Top of Embankment (Minimum) \pm 620.0 feet B. Upstream Water at Time of Assessment \pm 618.0 feet C. Downstream Water at Time of Assessment \pm Not Applicable⁵ D. Maximum Pond Water Elevation \pm 619.3 feet

1.3.5 Design and Construction Records and History

Drawings for the 1976 impoundment design were available in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WDNR) files. No construction quality control documentation was available from WP&L or the WDNR files with regards to the impoundments. Soil borings were conducted as part of the Aether Analysis and the borings provided limited information regarding the properties of the soils comprising the embankments. The borings do indicate that the embankments are generally supported on sand. A list of the documents provided to GZA by WP&L is provided in **Appendix D**.

1.3.6 Operating Records

No operating records were available for the impoundments.

1.3.7 Previous Assessment Reports

The impoundments are visually assessed by WP&L personnel on a quarterly basis in accordance with company policies. The assessment report from September 16, 2011 was reviewed by GZA and is included as **Appendix E**. It was noted during the September 16, 2011 assessment that trees and shrubs were present along on the upstream slopes of the Slag Pond. It was recommended that the trees and shrubs be removed and a work order was issued.

2.0 ASSESSMENT

2.1 <u>Visual Assessment</u>

The NDGS impoundments were assessed on June 7, 2011, by Patrick J. Harrison, P.E., and Douglas P. Simon, P.E., of GZA, and accompanied by WP&L personnel. The weather was sunny with temperatures in the 70°s to 80°s Fahrenheit. Photographs to document the current

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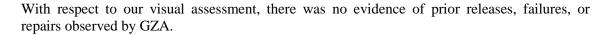
³ It is GZA's opinion that the distance to the Mississippi River was too great to be considered the downstream water level. No water was present along the downstream slope of the northwestern embankment.

⁴ The maximum pond water level for the Slag Pond and WPDES Pond were taken to be the level of the 100 year, 24-hour storm event from the Aether Analysis.

⁵ No water was present near the downstream slope of the WPDES Pond.

⁶ The Aether Analysis assumed no pumping from the WPDES Pond to the Slag Pond when calculating the water level during the 100 year, 24 hour storm event.

conditions of the impoundments were taken during the assessment and are provided in **Appendix F**. The water levels in the impoundments at the time of the assessment were as provided in Section 1.3.4. Underwater areas were not inspected, as this level of investigation was beyond GZA's scope of services. Copies of the EPA Checklists are provided in **Appendix C**.



2.1.1 Slag Pond General Findings

In general, the Slag Pond was found to be in <u>SATISFACTORY</u> condition. An overall Site plan showing the impoundments is provided as <u>Figure 2</u>. The location and orientation of the Slag Pond photographs provided in **Appendix F** is shown on **Figure 4**.

2.1.2 Slag Pond Upstream Slope (Photos 1 through 8)

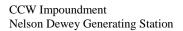
The water surface elevation at the time of our assessment was approximately at elevation 616.6 feet MSL. Therefore, the lower portion of the upstream slope was below the water level and not visible. The upstream slope was generally vegetated with grass that had not been recently mowed along the northern, western, and western portion of the southern slopes. Tall shrubs were also observed on the southern slope. The eastern portion of the southern slope and the eastern slope are near areas of active slag recycling and thus the slopes are defined by various states of slag recycling. Wave action erosion was observed on the western and southern embankments. No signs of movement, displacement, depressions or sloughing were observed at the time of our assessment.

2.1.3 Slag Pond Crest of Impoundment (Photos 6 through 14)

The crest of the Slag Pond had a gravel access road along the western, southern, and eastern embankments and was seeded along the remaining portions. The crest of the impoundment had occasional animal burrows present at the time of our assessment. The alignment of the crest of the impoundment appeared generally level with no large depressions or irregularities observed. Based on information provided by WP&L, the crest of the impoundment is at approximately elevation 625.0 feet MSL. No settlement was observed at the time of our assessment. There was approximately 8 feet of free board at the time of our assessment.

2.1.4 Slag Pond Downstream Slope (Photos 22 and 25)

The Slag Pond abuts the closed landfill and the coal storage area to the north and east, respectively. The southern embankment is located at least 100 feet from the nearest portion of 1976 impoundment perimeter embankment and is considered incised for the purposes of our analysis. Therefore, the discussion of the downstream slope is limited to the western embankment. The downstream slope of the impoundment was generally vegetated with grass that had not been mowed recently. An erosional feature was present near the southwest corner of the downstream slope. No seepage or depressions were observed on the downstream slope or within 15 feet of the toe.



2.1.5 Slag Pond Discharge Pipes (Photos 15 through 21, 23, and 24)

Water and CCW from the plant are discharged into the Slag Pond through a series of 12-inch diameter steel pipes which are located along the southern and eastern embankments of the impoundment. Water is discharged into the Slag Pond from the WPDES Pond through an 8-inch diameter HDPE pipe which is located near the northeast corner of the impoundment. The discharge pipes appeared to be in good condition. GZA observed the condition of the decant structure that transmits water from the Slag Pond to the Mississippi River. The decant structure appeared to be in good condition.

2.1.6 WPDES Pond General Findings

In general, the WPDES Pond was found to be in <u>SATISFACTORY</u> condition. An overall Site plan showing the impoundments is provided as **Figure 2**. The location and orientation of photographs provided in **Appendix F** are shown on the Photo Plan in **Figure 6**.

2.1.7 WPDES Pond Upstream Slope (Photos 24 through 35)

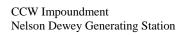
The water surface elevation at the time of assessment was approximately at elevation 618.0 feet MSL. Therefore, the lower portion of the upstream slope was below the water level and not visible. The upstream slopes of the northeastern, southeastern, and northwestern slopes were generally vegetated and in good condition. However, the grass had not recently been mowed and shrubs were growing in some areas on the bank. The southern slope abuts the coal pile storage area and limited vegetation and minor erosion was observed along much of the slope. There was no evidence that the impoundment embankments were built over wet ash or slag. No signs of movement, displacement, depressions or sloughing were observed at the time of our assessment.

2.1.8 WPDES Pond Crest of Impoundment (Photos 24 through 40)

The crest along the northeastern, southeastern, and northwestern portions of the WPDES Pond is generally covered by a gravel access road and was in good condition at the time of our assessment. The crest of the southwestern embankment generally consisted of coal from the adjacent coal pile. The alignment of the crest of the impoundment appeared generally level with no large depressions or irregularities observed. Based on information provided by WP&L, the crest elevation was approximately elevation 620.0 feet MSL. No structural settlement was observed at the time of our assessment. There was approximately 2 feet of freeboard at the time of our assessment.

2.1.9 WPDES Pond Downstream Slope (Photos 39 and 40)

The WPDES Pond is incised into the closed landfill to the northwest and the coal pile storage area to the southwest. Therefore, the discussion of downstream slopes for the WPDES Pond refers to the southeastern and northeastern embankments. The downstream slopes of the impoundment were generally vegetated with grass that had not been recently mowed along the northeastern embankment. No seepage, depressions, or sloughing was observed on the downstream slope.



2.1.10 WPDES Pond Discharge Pipes (Photos 41 through 44)

Stormwater runoff enters the WPDES Pond along the southwestern embankment. Water and CCW enters the WPDES Pond through a 12-inch diameter CMP pipe which is located near the southeastern corner of the impoundment. The discharge pipe appeared to be in satisfactory condition at the time of our visual assessment.



Water in the WPDES Pond is generally allowed to infiltrate or evaporate. In addition, water from the WPDES Pond is used for dust control. When necessary, water is pumped from the WPDES Pond to the Slag Pond via the pump house near the northern corner of the impoundment. The visible portions of the pump house appeared to be in good condition.

2.2 <u>Caretaker Interview</u>

Maintenance of the impoundments is the responsibility of NDGS personnel. GZA met with NDGS personnel and discussed the operations and maintenance procedures, regulatory requirements and the history of the impoundments since their construction. The observations, descriptions and findings presented in this report reference these discussions.

2.3 Operation and Maintenance Procedures

As discussed in Section 1.2.5, NDGS personnel are responsible for maintenance of the impoundments. No formal maintenance program is in place for the impoundments but trees and shrubs are sprayed as necessary. Based on our discussions with NDGS personnel, the impoundments are monitored quarterly in accordance with company procedures.

2.4 <u>Emergency Action Plan</u>

The NDGS has a general Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the facility, however it is not specific to potential situations that may arise at the impoundments. Note that the hazard potential classification for the impoundments is discussed in Section 1.2.8.

2.5 Hydrologic/Hydraulic Data

The June 27, 2011 Aether Analysis included a hydrologic/hydraulic analysis of the Slag Pond and the WPDES Pond. Based on the Aether Analysis, the 100 year, 24-hour rain event, which is 6.3 inches of rain, would raise the WPDES Pond water level to an elevation of 619.3 feet MSL. The resulting freeboard in the WPDES Pond is approximately 8 inches. The analysis for the WPDES Pond assumed there was no infiltration or removal of water via the pump house.

The Aether Analysis indicated that the 100 year, 24 hour rain event would raise the Slag Pond water level to an elevation of 617.8 feet MSL. The resulting freeboard would be greater than two feet which in GZA's opinion would be adequate.

2.6 Structural and Seepage Stability

The stability of the impoundments was evaluated as part of the Aether Analysis. Based on the Aether Analysis, the calculated static factor of safety of the embankments during normal operating conditions for the WPDES Pond and the Slag Pond was 1.6 and 2.5, respectively.

The calculated factor of safety under earthquake loading was 1.5 and 2.2 for the WPDES Pond and the Slag Pond, respectively. The reported factors of safety met generally accepted criteria for dams. It was Aether's opinion that rapid drawdown conditions would only apply to the Slag Pond and the calculated factor of safety under that loading condition was 2.1.

The Aether Analysis report indicates that the purpose of the analysis was to evaluate the stability of the impoundments under the 100 year storm flows, which would represent typical design criteria. However, the stability analysis for the Slag Pond and the WPDES Pond was conducted with water levels at the normal operating levels.

Based on the information appended to the Aether Analysis, it appears that Aether estimated the internal angle of friction for the embankment materials from the relative density of the soils. However, no in-situ or laboratory testing information was presented or discussed to support the relative densities or subsequently the internal friction angles used in the analysis. Furthermore, it was not apparent as to which soil parameter was used to model the layer of clay that was encountered at the base of the WPDES Pond embankments.

GZA did not perform an independent analysis of the seepage or stability of the impoundments.

3.0 ASSESSMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Assessments

In general, the overall condition of the Slag Pond was judged to be **SATISFACTORY** and was found to have the following deficiencies:

- 1. Animal burrows along the crest;
- 2. Shrubs growing on the upstream slope;
- 3. Incomplete stability analysis;
- 4. Minor erosion on the downstream slope; and,
- 5. Wave action erosion of the upstream slope.

Additional analysis was completed and provided to GZA after issuance of the DRAFT report that satisfies our recommendation. No further analysis is recommended at this time

In general, the overall condition of the WPDES Pond was judged to be **SATISFACTORY** and was found to have the following deficiencies:

- 1. Infrequent mowing of the embankments allowing shrub growth; and,
- 2. Incomplete stability analysis.

Additional analysis was completed and provided to GZA after issuance of the DRAFT report that satisfies our recommendation. No further analysis is recommended at this time.

The following sections describe the recommended approach to address current deficiencies. Prior to undertaking recommended maintenance, repairs, or remedial measures, the applicability

CCW Impoundment Nelson Dewey Generating Station of permits needs to be determined for activities that may occur within the jurisdiction of the appropriate regulatory agencies.

3.2 <u>Studies and Analyses</u>

GZA recommends the following studies and analyses:

1. Expand the stability analysis of the impoundment embankments to include water surface and seepage conditions that represent the 100 year, 24-hour storm event. The analysis should include justification of the soil parameters used through in-situ or laboratory testing and also account for the presence of the clay at the base of the embankment.

Additional analysis was completed and provided to GZA after issuance of the DRAFT report that satisfies our recommendation. No further analysis is recommended at this time.

3.3 Recurrent Operation & Maintenance Recommendations

GZA recommends the following operation and maintenance level activities:

- 1. Repair sloughing on the downstream slope of the Slag Pond;
- 2. Protect the northwestern embankment of the Slag Pond from wave action erosion;
- 3. Control burrowing animals on and near embankment; and,
- 4. Fill animal burrows.

3.4 Alternatives

There are no alternatives currently recommended.

4.0 ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION

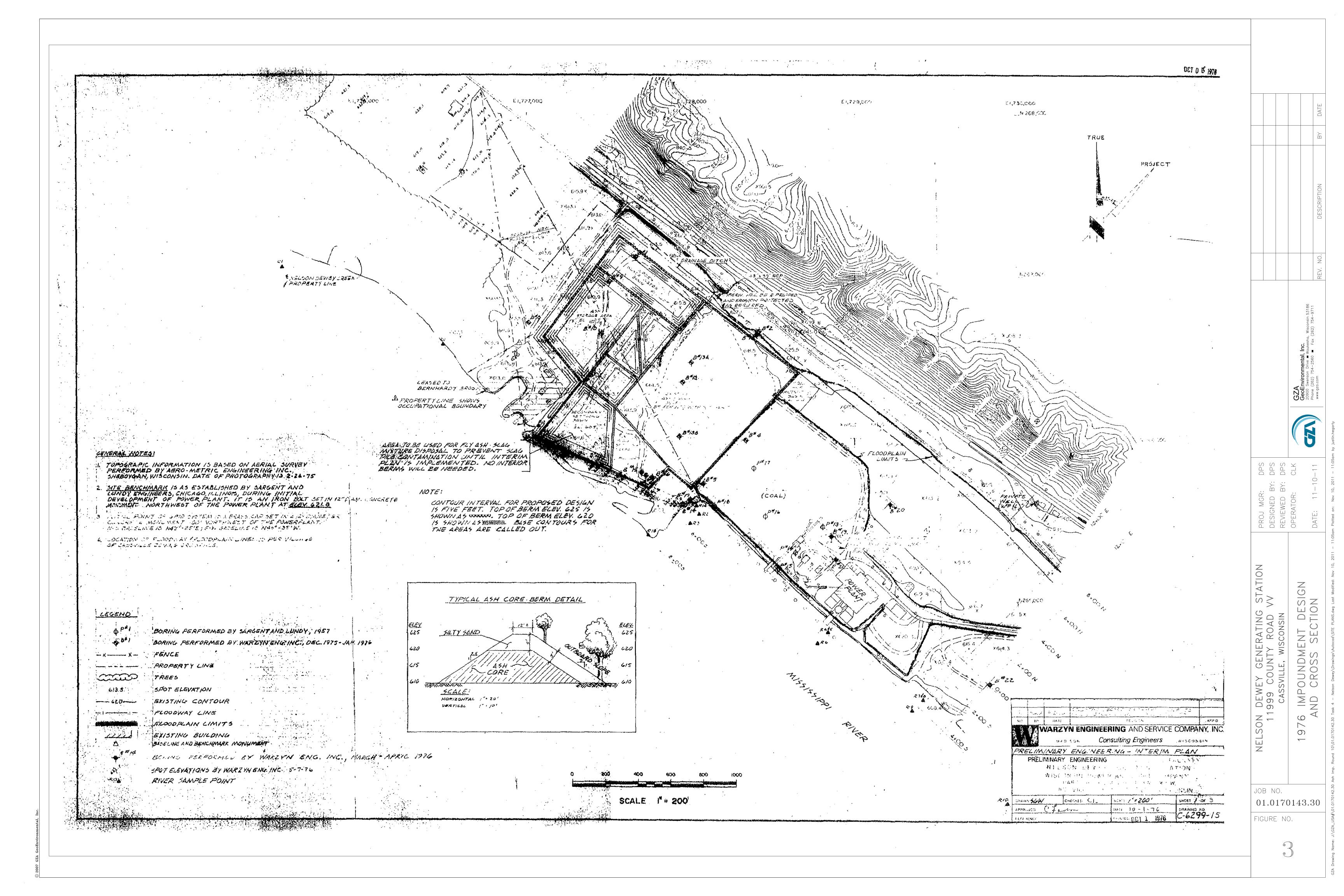
I acknowledge that the management units referenced herein, the Slag Pond and WPDES Pond have been assessed to be in **SATISFACTORY** condition on June 7, 2011.

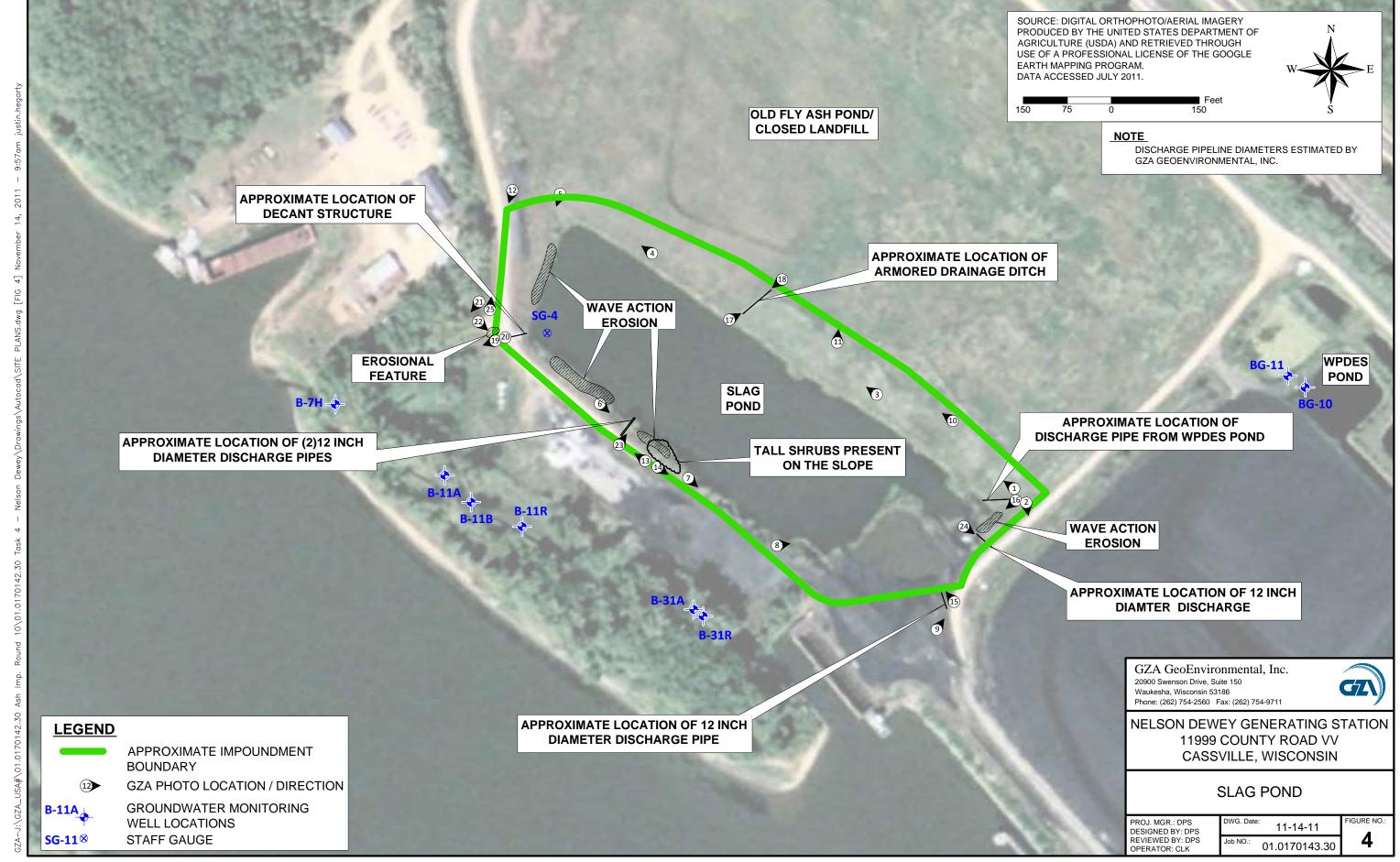
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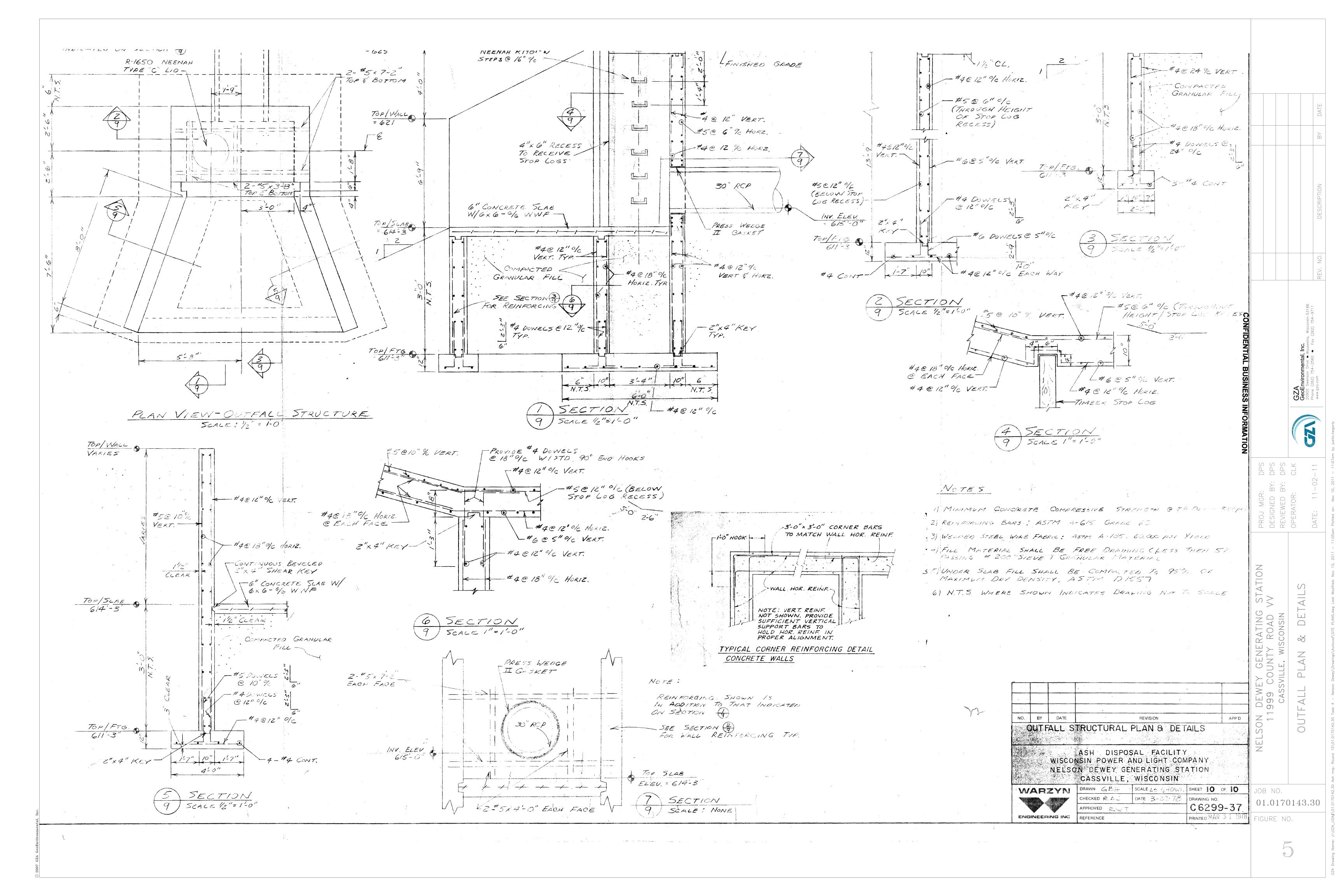
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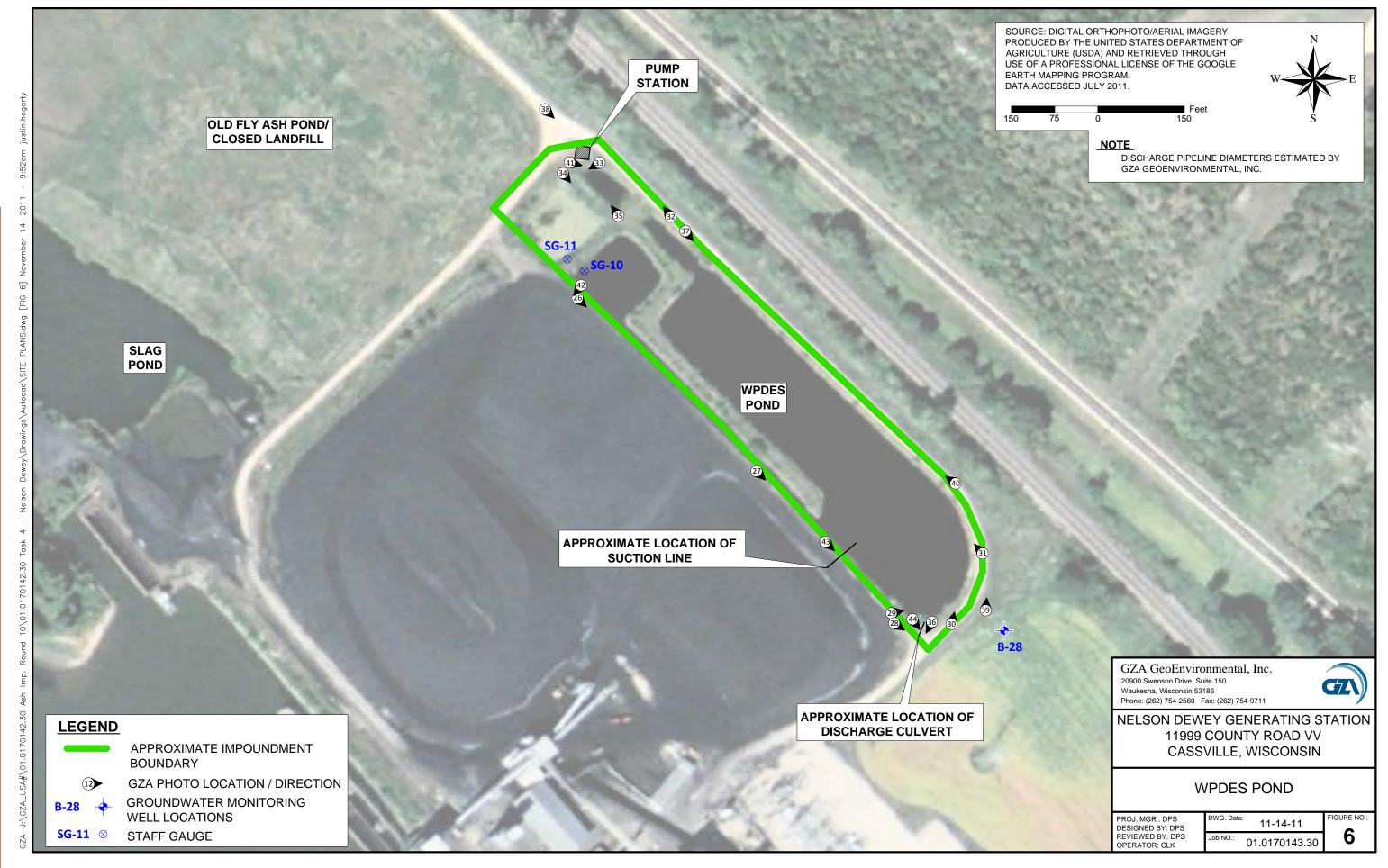
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APPENDIX A

LIMITATIONS

DAM ENGINEERING & VISUAL INSPECTION LIMITATIONS

- 1. The observations described in this report were made under the conditions stated herein. The conclusions presented in the report were based solely on the services described therein, and not on scientific tasks or procedures beyond the scope of described services.
- 2. In preparing this report, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA) has relied on certain information provided by Wisconsin Power and Light Company, and Federal, state, and local officials and other parties referenced therein. GZA has also relied on other parties which were available to GZA at the time of the inspection. Although there may have been some degree of overlap in the information provided by these various sources, GZA did not attempt to independently verify the accuracy or completeness of all information reviewed or received during the course of this work.
- 3. In reviewing this Report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions during the course of this study along with data made available to GZA. The observations of conditions at the dam reflect only the situation present at the specific moment in time the observations were made, under the specific conditions present. It may be necessary to reevaluate the recommendations of this report when subsequent phases of evaluation or repair and improvement provide more data.
- 4. It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions may be detected.
- 5. Water level readings have been reviewed and interpretations have been made in the text of this report. Fluctuations in the level of the groundwater and surface water may occur due to variations in rainfall, temperature, and other factors different than at the time measurements were made.
- 6. GZA's comments on the hydrology, hydraulics, and embankment stability for the dam are based on a limited review of available design documentation provided by Wisconsin Power and Light Company. Calculations and computer modeling used in these analyses were not available and were not independently reviewed by GZA.
- 7. This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of the US EPA for specific application to the existing dam facilities, in accordance with generally accepted dam engineering practices. No other warranty, express or implied, is made.
- 8. This dam inspection report has been prepared for this project by GZA. This report is for the owner's broad evaluation and management purposes only and is not sufficient, in and of itself, to prepare construction documents or an accurate bid.

APPENDIX B

DEFINITIONS

COMMON DAM SAFETY DEFINITIONS

For a comprehensive list of dam engineering terminology and definitions refer to references published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Orientation

Upstream – Shall mean the side of the dam that borders the impoundment.

<u>Downstream</u> – Shall mean the high side of the dam, the side opposite the upstream side.

<u>Right</u> – Shall mean the area to the right when looking in the downstream direction.

Left – Shall mean the area to the left when looking in the downstream direction.

Dam Components

<u>Dam</u> – Shall mean any artificial barrier, including appurtenant works, which impounds or diverts water.

<u>Embankment</u> – Shall mean the fill material, usually earth or rock, placed with sloping sides, such that it forms a permanent barrier that impounds water.

Crest – Shall mean the top of the dam, usually provides a road or path across the dam.

<u>Abutment</u> – Shall mean that part of a valley side against which a dam is constructed. An artificial abutment is sometimes constructed as a concrete gravity section, to take the thrust of an arch dam where there is no suitable natural abutment.

<u>Appurtenant Works</u> – Shall mean structures, either in dams or separate there from, including but not be limited to, spillways; reservoirs and their rims; low level outlet works; and water conduits including tunnels, pipelines, or penstocks, either through the dams or their abutments.

<u>Spillway</u> – Shall mean a structure over or through which water flows are discharged. If the flow is controlled by gates or boards, it is a controlled spillway; if the fixed elevation of the spillway crest controls the level of the impoundment, it is an uncontrolled spillway.

General

<u>EAP – Emergency Action Plan</u> - Shall mean a predetermined plan of action to be taken to reduce the potential for property damage and/or loss of life in an area affected by an impending dam break.

<u>O&M Manual</u> – Operations and Maintenance Manual; Document identifying routine maintenance and operational procedures under normal and storm conditions.

Normal Pool – Shall mean the elevation of the impoundment during normal operating conditions.

 $\underline{\text{Acre-foot}}$ – Shall mean a unit of volumetric measure that would cover one acre to a depth of one foot. It is equal to 43,560 cubic feet. One million U.S. gallons = 3.068 acre feet.

<u>Height of Dam</u> – Shall mean the vertical distance from the lowest portion of the natural ground, including any stream channel, along the downstream toe of the dam to the crest of the dam.

<u>Spillway Design Flood (SDF)</u> – Shall mean the flood used in the design of a dam and its appurtenant works particularly for sizing the spillway and outlet works, and for determining maximum temporary storage and height of dam requirements.

Condition Rating

SATISFACTORY - No existing or potential management unit safety deficiencies are recognized. Acceptable performance is expected under all applicable loading conditions (static, hydrologic, seismic) in accordance with the applicable criteria. Minor maintenance items may be required.

FAIR - Acceptable performance is expected under all required loading conditions (static, hydrologic, seismic) in accordance with the applicable safety regulatory criteria. Minor deficiencies may exist that require remedial action and/or secondary studies or investigations.

POOR - A management unit safety deficiency is recognized for any required loading condition (static, hydrologic, seismic) in accordance with the applicable dam safety regulatory criteria. Remedial action is necessary. POOR also applies when further critical studies or investigations are needed to identify any potential dam safety deficiencies.

UNSATISFACTORY - Considered unsafe. A dam safety deficiency is recognized that requires immediate or emergency remedial action for problem resolution. Reservoir restrictions may be necessary.

Hazard Potential

(In the event the impoundment should fail, the following would occur):

LESS THAN LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL: Failure or misoperation of the dam results in no probable loss of human life or economic or environmental losses.

LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the low hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life and low economic and/or environmental losses. Losses are principally limited to the owner's property.

SIGNIFICANT HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the significant hazard potential classification are those dams where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life but can cause economic loss, environmental damage, disruption of lifeline facilities, or can impact other concerns. Significant hazard potential classification dams are often located in predominantly rural or agricultural areas but could be located in areas with population and significant infrastructure.

HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the high hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation will probably cause loss of human life.

APPENDIX C

INSPECTION CHECKLISTS



Site Name:	Nelson Dewey Generating Station	Date:	6/7/11	
Unit Name:	Slag Pond	Operator's Name:	Wisconsin Power and Light Co.	
Unit I.D.:		Hazard Potential C	lassification: High Significant Low	,
Inspector's Name: Patrick J. Harrison, P.E. and Doug P. Simon, P.E.				

Check the appropriate box below. Provide comments when appropriate. If not applicable or not available, record "N/A". Any unusual conditions or construction practices that should be noted in the comments section. For large diked embankments, separate checklists may be used for different embankment areas. If separate forms are used, identify approximate area that the form applies to in comments.

	Yes No		Yes	No
1. Frequency of Company's Dam Inspections?	Quarterly	18. Sloughing or bulging on slopes?		✓
2. Pool elevation (operator records)?	616.6	19. Major erosion or slope deterioration?		✓
3. Decant inlet elevation (operator records)?	NA	20. Decant Pipes: See Note Below		
4. Open channel spillway elevation (operator records)?	615.3	Is water entering inlet, but not exiting outlet?		
5. Lowest dam crest elevation (operator records)?	625.0	Is water exiting outlet, but not entering inlet?		
If instrumentation is present, are readings recorded (operator records)?	1	Is water exiting outlet flowing clear?		
7. Is the embankment currently under construction?	✓	21. Seepage (specify location, if seepage carries fines, and approximate seepage rate below):		
8. Foundation preparation (remove vegetation, stumps, topsoil in area where embankment fill will be placed)?		From underdrain?		NA
Trees growing on embankment? (If so, indicate largest diameter below)	✓	At isolated points on embankment slopes?		✓
10. Cracks or scarps on crest?	✓	At natural hillside in the embankment area?		✓
11. Is there significant settlement along the crest?	✓	Over widespread areas?		✓
12. Are decant trashracks clear and in place?	NA	From downstream foundation area?		✓
13. Depressions or sinkholes in tailings surface or whirlpool in the pool area?	✓	"Boils" beneath stream or ponded water?		√
14. Clogged spillways, groin or diversion ditches?	✓	Around the outside of the decant pipe?		√
15. Are spillway or ditch linings deteriorated?	✓	22. Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside?		✓
16. Are outlets of decant or underdrains blocked?		23. Water against downstream toe?		✓
17. Cracks or scarps on slopes?	✓	24. Were Photos taken during the dam inspection?	✓	

Major adverse changes in these items could cause instability and should be reported for further evaluation. Adverse conditions noted in these items should normally be described (extent, location, volume, etc.) in the space below and on the back of this sheet.

Inspection Issue #	<u>Comments</u>		
8. No information was availa	able about fou	ndation preparation).
9. Up to 1-inch diameter. G	rowth since cu	itting last year.	

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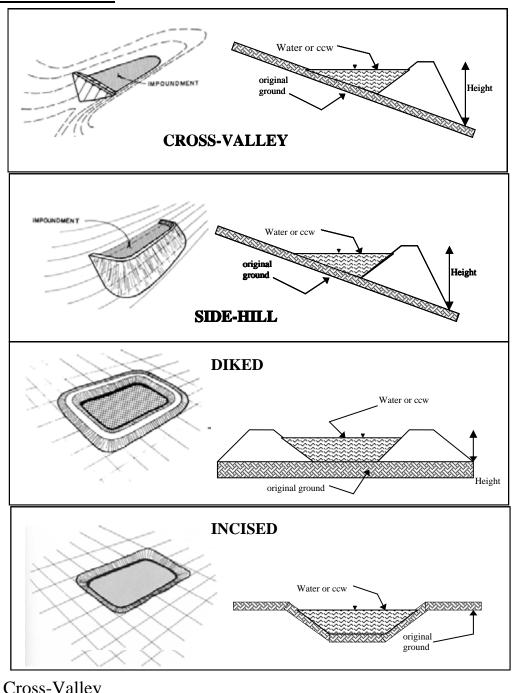


Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDI	ES Permit # <u>WI-000</u> 2	2381-06-0	INSPECTOR_I	Patrick J. Harrison, P.E.
Date _June 7, 2011				Doug P. Simon, P.E.
Impoundment Co		Power and Light Co	ompany	
EPA Region Reg	gion V			
State Agency (Fie	eld Office) Address	SS Wisconsin Department	artment of Natural	Resources
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Name of Impound	dment <u>Slag Pond</u>			
(Report each imp	oundment on a sep	arate form under	the same Impor	andment NPDES
Permit number)				
Newx U	Jpdate			
			Yes	No
-	currently under cor			_X
	urrently being pum	ped into		
the impoundment	2?		X	
IMPOUNDMEN	NT FUNCTION: _	Settlement of slag.		
Nearest Downstre	eam Town: Nam	e <u>Cassville, Wisco</u>	nsin	
	e impoundment <u>0.8</u>	s-mile		
Impoundment				
Location:	Longitude 91	_ Degrees <u>00</u>	_ Minutes <u>49</u> _	Seconds
	Latitude 42	_ Degrees <u>43</u>	_ Minutes <u>32</u>	Seconds
	State <u>WI</u>	County Grant		
Does a state agen	cy regulate this im	poundment? YE	S _x NO _	
If So Which State	e Agency? Wisconsi	n Department of Na	tural Resources re	gulates discharges under
	WPDES			

HAZARD POTENTIAL (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following would occur):
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CONFIGURATION:



Cross vancy		
Side-Hill		
Diked		
Incised (form completion optional)		
x Combination Incised/Diked		
Embankment Height fe	eet	Embankment Material Sand
Pool Area 4.65 ac	cres	Liner Not Present
Current Freeboard 8 fe	eet	Liner Permeability N/A

TYPE OF OUTLET (Mark all that apply)

Open Channel Spillway	TRAPEZOIDAL	TRIANGULAR
Trapezoidal	Top Width	Top Width
Triangular	Depth	- Donath
Rectangular	Берш	Depth
Irregular	Bottom Width	
depth	RECTANGULAR	IRREGULAR
bottom (or average) width	RECIANGULAR	Average Width
top width	Depth	Avg Depth
	▼	Y
	Width	
O41-4		
x Outlet		
30" inside diameter		
Varies: See Below.		
Material	In	side Diameter
corrugated metal		Side Diameter
welded steel		
X concrete		
plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)		•
other (specify)		
Is water flowing through the outlet	? YES NO _	
The outlet str	ucture was not accessible	due to heavy vegetation.
No Outlet		,
110 Outlet		
Other Type of Outlet (spec	ify)	
The Impoundment was Designed B	y Warzyn Engineering Inc.	

Has there ever been a failure at this site? YES	NOX
If So When?	
If So Please Describe :	

Has there ever been significant seepages at this site? YES	NOx
If So When?	
IF So Please Describe:	

f so, which method (e.g., piezometers, gw pumping,) f so Please Describe :	
So Please Describe :	



Site Name:	Nelson Dewey Generating Station	Date:	6/7/11
Unit Name:	WPDES Pond	Operator's Name:	Wisconsin Power and Light Co.
Unit I.D.:		Hazard Potential C	lassification: High Significant Low
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Trees growing on embankment? (If so, indicate largest diameter below)	✓		At isolated points on embankment slopes?		✓
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12. Are decant trashracks clear and in place?	NA		From downstream foundation area?		✓
13. Depressions or sinkholes in tailings surface or whirlpool in the pool area?	,	✓	"Boils" beneath stream or ponded water?		√
14. Clogged spillways, groin or diversion ditches?		✓	Around the outside of the decant pipe?		√
15. Are spillway or ditch linings deteriorated?		✓	22. Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside?		✓
16. Are outlets of decant or underdrains blocked?	NA		23. Water against downstream toe?		√
17. Cracks or scarps on slopes?		√	24. Were Photos taken during the dam inspection?	√	

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Inspection Issue #	Comme			
8. No information	was available a	about foundati	on preparation	I .
9. Trees up.				
20. Water is pump	ped out of pond	d for dust contr	ol.	

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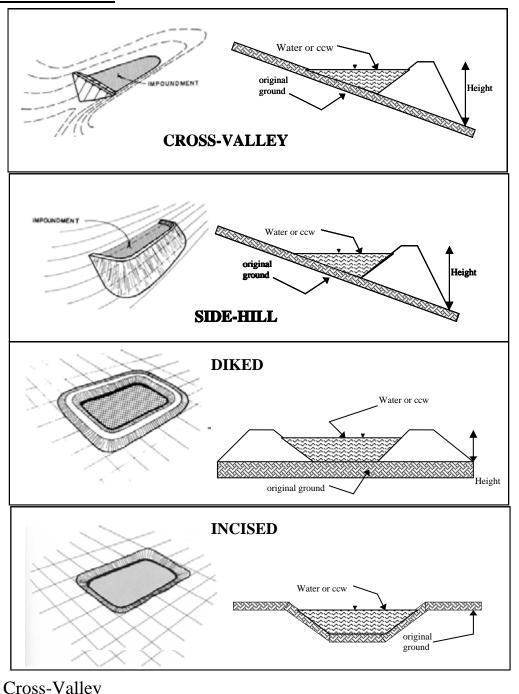


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Impoundment NPDES Permit # WI-0002381-06-0		INSPECTOR Patrick J. Harrison, P.E.		
Date _June 7, 2011		Γ	Doug P. Simon, P.E.	
Impoundment 1	Name <u>WPDES Pond</u>			
Impoundment (Company <u>Wisconsi</u>	n Power and Light C	ompany	
EPA Region _	Region V			
State Agency (Field Office) Addres	SSS <u>Wisconsin Dep</u>	artment of Natural	Resources
Name of Impor	undment <u>WPDES Po</u>			
(Report each in	npoundment on a se	parate form under	the same Impou	andment NPDES
Permit number		•	•	
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			Yes	No
Is impoundmen	nt currently under co	onstruction?		_X
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the impoundme		1		_X
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IMPOUNDM	ENT FUNCTION:	Collection of coal p	ile runoff, plant gro	ounds non-chemical boile
		wash water. Most v	water recycled for w	vatering.
			J	\mathcal{E}
Nearest Downs	stream Town: Nar	ne Cassville Wisco	nsin	
Distance from	the impoundment <u>0</u>	8-mile		
Impoundment	1			
Location:	Longitude 91	Degrees <u>_00</u>	Minutes 32	Seconds
	Latitude 42	_		
		County Grant		
	State WI	_ county <u>Chair</u>		
Does a state ag	gency regulate this in	npoundment? YE	S_xNO	
	•	•		
If So Which St	ate Agency? Wiscon	sin Department of Na	atural Resources re	gulates discharges under
		S Permit.		0 - ~ <i>min vi</i>

HAZARD POTENTIAL (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following would occur):
LESS THAN LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL: Failure or misoperation of the dam results in no probable loss of human life or economic or environmental losses.
<u>x</u> LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the low hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life and low economic and/or environmental losses. Losses are principally limited to the owner's property.
SIGNIFICANT HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the significant hazard potential classification are those dams where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life but can cause economic loss, environmental damage, disruption of lifeline facilities, or can impact other concerns. Significant hazard potential classification dams are often located in predominantly rural or agricultural areas but could be located in areas with population and significant infrastructure.
HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the high hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation will probably cause loss of human life.
DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:
DESCRIBE REGISTRING ON THE PROPERTY
Failure would not likely result in loss of life and low environmental loss. Losses would be principally limited to owner's property.
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CONFIGURATION:



Cross vaney		
Side-Hill		
Diked		
Incised (form completion optional	.)	
x Combination Incised/Dike	d	
Embankment Height	feet	Embankment Material Sand
Pool Area 4.35	acres	Liner Not Present
Current Freeboard 2	feet	Liner Permeability N/A

TYPE OF OUTLET (Mark all that apply)

Open Channel Spillway	TRAPEZOIDAL	TRIANGULAR
Trapezoidal	Top Width	Top Width
Triangular		*
Rectangular	Depth	Depth
Irregular	Bottom	
depth bottom (or average) width top width	RECTANGULAR Depth Width	IRREGULAR Average Width Avg Depth
Outlet		
inside diameter		
Varies: See Below.		
Material corrugated metal welded steel concrete plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.) other (specify)		Inside Diameter
Is water flowing through the outlet?	YES N	O
The outlet stru	acture was not accessi	ble due to heavy vegetation.
No Outlet		
Other Type of Outlet (speci	ify) <u>Water is pumped fro</u>	om pond.
The Impoundment was Designed B	y Warzyn Engineering	Inc.

Has there ever been a failure at this site? YES	NOX
If So When?	
If So Please Describe :	

Has there ever been significant seepages at this site? YES	NOx
If So When?	
IF So Please Describe:	

t this site?	past seepages or breaches YES	NON/
so, which method (e.g., piezometer	rs, gw pumping,)?	
so Please Describe :		

APPENDIX D

REFRENCES

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APPENDIX E

PREVIOUS INSPECTION REPORTS

ALLIANT ENERGY SURFACE POND VISUAL INSPECTION

PLANT NAME	DATE COMPLETED	LIST POND IN	SPECTED.	
Nelson Dewey	16-Sep-11	Slag Pond		
INSPECTOR(S) List Below	WEATHER CONDITIONS Des	cribe Weather (onditions	
Nate Sievers	Cloudy 51F, Winds 4	mph ESE.	Dry Con-	ditions
PLANT MANAGEMENT REVIEW(if applicable), Spell Name	SIGNATORY REVIEW	7.		
Plant Manager Wantsley	Jan to amore	EEZ		
F&S Specialist Nate Sievers	1/12 Sun	<u></u> \		
1. Dike Integrity		Yes	No	Action Needed?
Visual Signs of Animal Activity into the dike wall that may impact the	integrity of the dike wall?		X	
Trees growing on top or side of dike in which the root system may imp wall?	pact the integrity of the dike		X	
Wordy type shrubs growing on top or side of dike in which the root sy of the dike wall?	stem may impact the integrity	X		X
Any visual sceps of water through the dike wall?			X	
Any areas of soft soil-dead vegetation on the dike wall?			X	
Any areas of grossin caused either by wind croison; storm water runoff	anto or outside the dike wall?		X	
Any evidence of ash pond water washing over the dike walf?			X	
Where applicable, me any of the valving or piping used to control the d	fischarge from a pond leaking?		X	
Any ponding of water outside the dike wal??			X	
Any evidence of damage caused by heavy equipment?			X	
2. Outfall Structure				
Any areas of erosion or animal activity near or at the entrance of the or cause wastewater to travel along the outside of the pipe?	iffall structure or pipe that may		X	
Any areas of erosion, animal activity: swirling of wastewater on the dis structure that may impact the integrity of the dike or structure?	Scharge side of the outfall		X	
Woody type shrubs growing on top or side of dike in which the root sys of the dike wall?	stern may impact the integrity		X	
3. Visable Solids				
Is there a build up of solded ash visible near the dike walls or discharge	e structure!		X	

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ALLIANT ENERGY SURFACE POND VISUAL INSPECTION

PLANT NAME:	DATE COMPLETED	LIST POND D	NSPECTED	
Nelson Dewey	16-Sep-1	1 WPDES		
INSPECTOR(S). List Below	WEATHER CONDITIONS, D	escribe Weather	Conditions	
Nate Sievers	Cloudy 51F. Winds	4 mph ESE.	Dry Con	ditions
PLANT MANAGEMENT REVIEW(if applicable) Spell Name	SIGNATORY REVIEW	٨		
Plant Manager, Jins Wanisley	Jany 12 1 100	اسدن		
E&S Specialist. Nate Sievers	TA /AT	jun		
1. Dike Integrity		Yes	No	Action Needed?
Visual Signs of Animal Activity into the dike wall that may impact the	e integrity of the dike wall?		X	
Frees growing on top or side of dike in which the root system may imwall?	ipact the integrity of the dike		X	
Woody type shrubs growing on top or side of dike in which the root s of the dike wall?	ystem may impact the integrity		X	
Any visual seeps of water through the dike wall?	1 18 000		X	
Any areas of soft soil/dead vegetation on the dike wall?			X	
Any areas of crossor caused either by wind croison, storm water runo	fl'into or outside the disc wall	,	X	
Any evidence of ash poul water washing over the dike wait?			X	
Where applicable, are any of the valving or piping used to control the leaking?	discharge from a pond		X	
Any ponding of water outside the dike walfi			X	
Any evidence of dimage caused by heavy equipment?			X_	
2. Outfali Structure				Ţ
Any areas of crosion or animal activity near or at the entrance of the c may cause wastewater to travel along the outside of the pipe?	outfall structure or pipe that		X	
Any greas of erosion; animal activity; swirling of wastewater on the distructure that may impact the integrity of the dike or structure?	ischange side of the outfall		X	
Woody type shrubs growing on top or side of dike in which the root sof the dike walf?	ystem may impact the integrity		X	
3. Visable Solids		1		
Is there a build up of settled ash visible near the dike walls or dischar-	ec structure?		X	

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ALLIANT ENERGY SURFACE POND VISUAL INSPECTION

PLANT NAME:	DATE COMPLETED.	LIST POND IN	SPECIED	
Nelson Dewey	16-Sep-11	Coal Runn	off	
INSPECTOR(S): List Below	WEATHER CONDITIONS: Des	onbe Weather (Conditions	
Nate Sievers	Cloudy 51F, Winds 4	mph ESE.	Dry Con	ditions
PLANT MANAGEMENT REVIEW(if applicable) Spell Name	SIGNATORY REVIEW:			
Plant Manager, Jim Wanskey	Jamesonnel	wy		
C&S Special st. Mate Sievers	1/1/1 -11-			
1. Dike Integrity		Yes	No	Action Needed?
Visual Signs of Animal Activity into the dike wall that may impact the sa	negrity of the dike wall?		X	
Trees growing on top or side of dike in which the root system may impa- wall?	of the integrity of the dike		X	
Woody type shrubs growing on top or side of dike in which the root syst of the dike wall?	om may impact the integrity		X	
Any visual seeps of water through the dike wall?			X	
Any areas of soft soil/dead vegetation on the dike wall?			X	
Any areas of eroison caused either by wind cusison, storm water sunoff:	nto or outside the dike wall?		X	
Any evidence of ash pond water washing over the dike wall?		··	X	
Where applicable, are any of the valving or piping used to control the di- leaking?	scharge from a pond		X	
Any ponding of water outside the dike wall?			X	
Any evidence of damage caused by beavy equipment ⁶			X	
2. Outfall Structure				
Any areas of crosion or animal activity near or at the entrance of the out- may cause wastewater to travel along the outside of the pipe!	all structure or pipe that		X	
Any areas of erasion; animal activity; swirting of wastewater on the disci- structure that may impact the integrity of the dike or structure?	sarge side of the outfall		X	
Woody type shrubs growing on top or side of dike in which the root syst of the dike wall?	em may copact the integrity		X	
3. Visable Solids				1
Is there a build up of settled ash visible near the dike walls or discharge s	dructure?		X	

NOTES or OBSERVATIONS				
	cription of the issue or observation below:		 	
ISSUE	Description and Location of Issue	Maximo Work Order#	Due Date	Date Completed
5	Slag pond has areas of Sumae around the need	7203678	12/31/2011	
6	Slag pond also has crosion around pipe of 002.		12/31/2011	
. 7	All woody species around pond need to be	7203678	12/31/2011	
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Review this Sheet Prior to each Inspection

ALLIANT ENERGY SURFACE POND PHOTO LOG



Figure 1 Trees needed to be removed on slag pond.



Figure 2 Need to finish cutting sumac.

	Plant Name	Insert name of facility being uispected
1	Date	List date of when inspection was completed
)	List Pond Inspected	List plant dame of pord Sering inspected. For plants with multiply pands, use one inspection form per pond. Example: Coal Pile Ronolf Pond.
÷)	Inspectors	List there of employee(s) who performed the inspection
5)	Weather Conditions	List the current weather conditions (cloud cover/precip/temp/wind strength)
		If there was a substantial rain or conoff event, please note as well
<u>6)</u>	Plant Mgmt Review	Plant Manager and Unwronmental and Safety Specialist will review the report with the inspector(s)
7)	Signatory Review	Plant Manager and Environmental and Safety Specialist are required to review and sign off on the aspection form
8:	Inspection Process	Inspect each side of the good looking for conditions in the checklin
		Arrawar each question and note any issues on page 2
		If any issue is discovered, please usie the location of the area in question and the steps taken to resolve the issue

APPENDIX F

PHOTOGRAPHS



PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

1

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken: Northwest

Description:

Upstream slope of the Slag Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

South

Description:

Upstream slope of the Slag





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Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

3

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Northwest

Description:

Upstream slope of the Slag Pond.



Photo No.

4

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Northwest

Description:

Upstream slope of the Slag Pond.





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Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

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Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southwest

Description:

Upstream slope of the Slag Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

6 6/7 Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Upstream slope and crest of the Slag Pond.





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Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Upstream slope and crest of the Slag Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

East

Description:

Upstream slope and crest of the Slag Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

9

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Northeast

Description:

Crest of the Slag Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Northwest

Description:

Crest of the Slag Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

11

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

North

Description:

Animal burrow on the crest of the Slag Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southwest

Description:

Crest of the Slag Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

13

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken: Northwest

Description:

Crest of the Slag Pond.



Photo No. 14

Date:

6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Crest of the Slag Pond.





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Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Northwest

Description:

Discharge pipe near the southeast corner of the Slag Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southwest

Description:

Discharge pipes along the eastern embankment of the Slag Pond as seen from the north.





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Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

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Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Northeast

Description:

Armored portion of the northern embankment of the Slag Pond. Armoring present to protect against erosion from storm water runoff.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southwest

Description:

Armored portion of the northern embankment of the Slag Pond. Armoring present to protect against erosion from storm water runoff.





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Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

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Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

West

Description:

Decant structure and weir in the Slag Pond.



Photo No. 20

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

West

Description:

Staff Gauge at the decant structure in the Slag Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No. **21**

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southwest

Description:

Discharge pipe from the Slag Pond.



Photo No. **22**

Date: 6/7/11

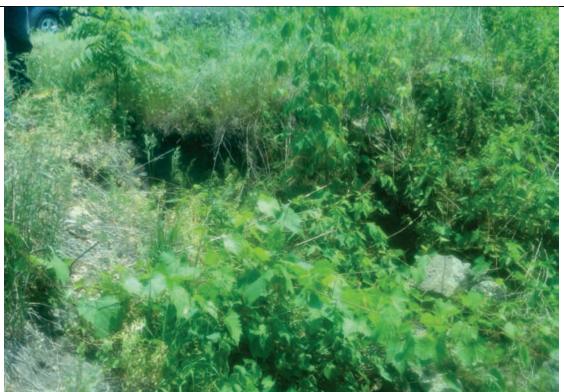
Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Erosional feature near the crest of the Slag Pond.





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Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Northeast

Description:

Discharge pipes into the Slag Pond.



Photo No. 24

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Eight inch diameter discharge pipe from the WPDES Pond into the Slag Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No. 25

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

North

Description:

Downstream slope of the Slag Pond.



Photo No. **26**

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Upstream slope and crest of the WPDES Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No. 27

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Upstream slope and crest of the WPDES Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

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Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

CMP culvert that discharges near the southeast corner of the WPDES Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No. 29

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

East

Description:

Upstream slope of the WPDES Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

30 6/7 Direction Photo

Taken:

North

Description:

Upstream slope and crest of the WPDES Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Northwest

Description:

Upstream slope and crest of the WPDES Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

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Direction Photo Taken:

Northwest

Description:

Upstream slope and crest of the WPDES Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

33

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southwest

Description:

Upstream slope and crest of the WPDES Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11 34

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Intermediate embankment in the WPDES Pond.





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Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No. 35

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Northwest

Description:

Upstream slope and crest of the WPDES Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southwest

Description:

Crest of the WPDES Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No. 37

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Crest of the WPDES Pond.



Photo No. 38

Date:

6/7/11

Direction Photo Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Crest of the WPDES Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

39

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

North

Description:

Crest and downstream slope of the WPDES Pond.



Photo No. 40

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Northwest

Description:

Downstream slope and crest of the WPDES Pond.





PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

East

Description:

Pump house at the WPDES Pond.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

42 6/7/ Direction Photo

Taken:

Southwest

Description:

Temporary stormwater discharge pipes along the WPDES Pond.





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Client Name: U.S. EPA

Site Location:

Nelson Dewey Generating Station Cassville, Wisconsin

Project No. 01.0170142.30

Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

Water suction pipe used to collect water for dust control.



Photo No.

Date: 6/7/11

Direction Photo

Taken:

Southeast

Description:

CMP discharge pipe into the WPDES Pond.

